

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Finance and Appropriations Committee Meeting

March 6, 2023

Members: Mary Nichols-Rhodes, Chair
Tim Gorbach
Adam Miller

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Mr. Miller was absent.

The minutes of the February 6, 2023 and February 21, 2023 Finance Committee meetings were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed

Temp. Ord. B-11

Temp. Ord. B-12

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. B-11

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, with Ingersoll Landscape Company for tree planting and mowing services and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Rod Troxell, Electric Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance B-11 to Council. Ingersoll Landscape Company was the lowest bidder for the City-wide tree planting program. Ingersoll Landscape Company was the lowest bidder for the mowing services of utility easements and Electric Department properties. The Electric Department will award purchase orders to Ingersoll Landscape Company for the above services during the 2023 fiscal year. Although no specific expenditure for Ingersoll's services has individually exceeded the competitive bidding cost threshold to date, collectively these expenditures will soon exceed the competitive bidding amount of \$50,000.

The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, with Ingersoll Landscape Company for the City-wide tree planting program and mowing services for the Electric Department. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for the same from the Electric Fund, Line Item Other Operations.

Mr. Troxell stated that this is the annual tree planting and contract for mowing rights-of-way, substations and a couple of easements. Up until this point, they have had several companies bid on these jobs. This year, Ingersoll bid on both jobs and was awarded both contracts.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes asked for a breakdown of the mowing and tree planting costs. Mr. Troxell stated that for the tree planting, Ingersoll came in \$39,554.54 and, for the City mowing, Ingersoll came in \$22,675.01. They have made provisions in the budget for the trees being more expensive and if, during the year, residents would like a tree.

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Ms. Nichols-Rhodes stated that some are replacement trees and some are new trees. The City still has a program where residents can request a tree, but they have to commit to watering it and taking care of it. Mr. Troxell stated that that is correct. The \$38,000 is for 100 trees.

Mr. Gorbach moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-11 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed (2-0).

Temp. Ord. B-12

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement of the flat roof on the Municipal Building, located at 2310 Second Street, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tony Demasi, City Engineer, presented Temporary Ordinance B-12 to Council. The Director of Public Service will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the replacement of the flat roof on the Municipal Building, located at 2310 Second Street in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for same from the Capital Projects Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Mr. Demasi stated that the flat roofs in City Hall are in need of replacement. They recently went out to bid and received two bids. The lowest and best bid was received from AW Farrell & Son out of Garfield Heights, for \$441,038, coming in under the budget amount of \$450,000. Work will begin this summer and be completed by early October.

Mr. Gorbach moved to bring out Temp. Ord. B-12 with a favorable recommendation, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed (2-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.